



'Now Listen Here, Gate

STAFF PHOTO BY RAHN ADAMS

Traffic over Sunset Beach Bridge was halted for at least 45 minutes last Thursday afternoon when the mechanical gate on the mainland side malfunctioned and couldn't be raised by the bridge operator. Vehicles were able to cross the bridge when N.C. Department of

Transportation workers removed the gate arms on both sides before repairing the mechanism. DOT employee Terry Willetts, pictured above, said the gate breakdown was the first to occur at Sunset Beach in recent years.

## Students Learn Traditions During Annual Heritage Day

Shallotte Middle School students witnessed high school cloggers in action, viewed a replica of an old-time peanut roaster and learned how to vote during last week's annual Heritage Day.

The annual springtime event was held last Friday in conjunction with North Carolina Heritage Week, May 25-30.

According to Heritage Day co-chairperson Barbara Holcombe, the theme of this year's event, "Traditions: A Key to the Past; A Map to the Future," emphasized ties with the past and desirable values which

can be carried into the future.

She said Marion Davis, sales representative with Lance Inc., was the most popular guest speaker, giving hats and lollipops to about 300 students.

Davis also reviewed the history of the company, which was started by Phil Lance of Charlotte in 1913, and showed various product displays which have changed from glass jars, to wire racks to wooden stands over the years.

Other popular exhibitors, she said, were the Mountain Heritage High School Cloggers from Burnsville;

Brunswick County Board of Elections Supervisor Lynda Britt; and Luanne Olson from the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Memorial.

Also, Sgt. Ronnie Hewett of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department showed various drug paraphernalia and encouraged students to avoid drugs and alcohol.

Mrs. Holcombe said the benefit of Heritage Day is that it allows students to reflect on the state's culture while it also highlights historic and artistic values. North Carolina schools have celebrated Heritage Week since 1970.

## Three Marines Charged With Beach Break-Ins

Three marines from Camp Lejeune were arrested last week in connection with a string of home break-ins that occurred in April at Ocean Isle Beach.

Arrested last Thursday by Ocean Isle Beach Police were Shannon Dean Holt, 19, Michael T. Smith, 20, and Mark N. Kinese, 19, all of Company G, 2nd Battalion, at Camp Lejeune, according to warrants on file at the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office.

Both Holt and Smith were charged with four counts of breaking, enter-

ing and larceny. Kinese was charged with one count of breaking, entering and larceny.

Warrants stated that the break-ins occurred April 17 through April 25 at four Ocean Isle Beach homes including the William Oden and John Cooke residences on West 1st Street, the Doris Howard residence on West 2nd Street and the Earl Shoaf residence on Driftwood Drive.

Property valued at \$504 was taken from the four homes. The stolen goods included food, alcoholic beverages, small household items and about \$50 in cash.

Ocean Isle Beach Police drew arrest warrants for the three suspects last Thursday. Sgt. James Stewart took all three into custody the same day.

Holt and Smith were being held in the Brunswick County Jail Tuesday under \$1,000 secured bonds. Kinese was being held under a \$1,500 secured bond.

All three made first appearances in Brunswick County District Criminal Court on Friday. Probable cause hearings were scheduled to be held Wednesday (June 1).

## The Harson's Table

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## Join the fun! BRUNSWICK ISLANDS BEACH FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 4, 8 AM until

The events will take place at Holden Beach at the main public beach access.

- ★ ESA Sanctioned Surf Contest
- ★ Body Board Contest
- ★ Volleyball Contest
- ★ Junior World Class Frisbee Contest
- ★ Tug-of-War Contest
- ★ Sandcastle Building Contest
- ★ Best Tan Contest

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